### What is domestic violence?



If your partner tries to **hurt** or **control** you, you can get help. Domestic violence is wrong and it's not your fault.

## New Orleans Family Justice Center (504) 592-4005

Counseling, safety planning, legal services, support groups, victim compensation assistance, transportation, job training and other services

#### Do you need help with **housing**?

You can call:

- Crescent House (504) 866-9554
- Metropolitan Center for Women and Children (504) 837-5400

#### Do you want to talk to someone?

You can call the hotline below. You can also contact:

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#### Can I get a <u>protective order</u>?

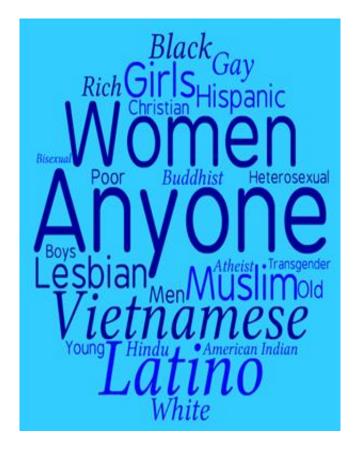
A protective order is a document from the court that can tell your abuser he can't come near you, your family or friends, or can't destroy or sell your belongings. You may also be able to get temporary custody of your children, use of your home (even if it is owned by your abuser), or other things you need to stay safe.

#### For free legal help:

- Project SAVE (504)310-6872
- Southeast Louisiana Legal Services (504) 529-1000

Louisiana Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-888-411-1333

# Who can be a victim of domestic violence?



# What if I want to help a friend experiencing domestic violence?

- Encourage your loved one to talk
- Believe your loved one and do not judge him or her
- Tell your loved one that it is not their fault
- Understand your loved one may not want to leave
- Help build your loved one's self-confidence
- Support your loved one if they are ready to leave. They may have financial, housing, child care and many other difficulties
- Develop a **network of support** for your loved one. Batterers want their victims to be alone and isolated
- Tell your friend about the services available for victims of domestic violence

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